





Rip Van Winkle was a lazy man. He had two children and a very mean wife. She always was nagging.



Rip left home and went hunting in the woods.



He met a gnome carrying a heavy cask full of ale.



He offered to help the gnome and carry the cask of ale.



They went to the gnome's cave and drank what was in the cask.





Then they bowled.



Rip got a strike. He was very skilled.





The gnomes brought Rip back to a tree outside the cave. Rip drank more ale.



Rip fell asleep from drinking too much ale. The cask was empty and the gnomes left.



When Rip awoke he had a long beard.



He went back to town. The people asked "Who are you, old man"? "I'm Rip Van Winkle." answered Rip. "That's impossible." said one man. "You died 40 years ago."